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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 3, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

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In order to overcome these problems, disk drive actuator arm assemblies 116 may be provided with tabs or cam followers 138 capable of engaging corresponding cams 140 when the actuator arm assemblies 116 are in a parked position. The cams 140 each generally contain a ramp portion 144 and a detent portion 148. When the disk drive 100 is not in use, the actuator arm assemblies 116 are generally positioned such that the tabs ~~136~~ 138 are held in the cams 140 at the detents 148. The transducer heads 124 are said to be "unloaded" from the disks 108 when the tabs 138 are held by the cams 140. The terms "load" and "unload" can be interchanged, but for purposes of the present invention, "unloading" refers to removing a transducer head 124 from the disk 108 surface and "loading" refers to placing a transducer head 124 adjacent the disk 108 surface such that read and write operations may be carried out. When the transducer heads 124 are in the unloaded position, the magnetic disks 108 are protected from damage that may be caused by a collision between a transducer head 124 and the disk 108, because the actuator arms 116 are held in place by the cams 140.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

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Based on the foregoing summary, a number of salient features of the present invention are readily discerned. A method and apparatus for reducing the undesired acoustical output of a disk drive when loading and unloading an actuator arm are

provided. The method and apparatus of the present invention enable the times during which power is supplied to the disk drive to be varied, without regard to whether a monitored velocity of the transducer head is to be maintained or not. Therefore, a disk drive in accordance with the present invention ensures that the pulse width of a succeeding pulse differs from a preceding pulse, thereby spreading the acoustical energy over a wider range of frequencies. This, in turn, reduces the objectionable audible output from a disk drive during loading or unloading of the actuator arm assemblies.
